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SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPORT COORDINATION ON UN FOLLOW-ON
MISSION IN EASTERN CHAD (AND CAR)

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11. (SBU) EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO
COORDINATE WITH THE FRENCH ON CHAD POLICY IN GENERAL AND ON
PKO ISSUES IN PARTICULAR.

12. (SBU) FROM OUR PERCH HERE, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED AS KEY OBJECTIVES OF SUCH COORDINATION REGARDING
THE UN FOLLOW-ON FORCE (MINURCAT II) TO EUFOR:

-- CAR SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW MANDATE.

-- MINURCAT II'S "SECURITY PACKAGE" SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF
THREE COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS: A MILITARY ELEMENT (RESEMBLING
EUFOR); A POLICE OR GENDARME UNIT ELEMENT (FORMED POLICE
UNITS OR THE GENDARME EQUIVALENT); AND A POLICE/GENDARME
TRAINING ELEMENT (TO TRAIN CHADIAN POLICE AND GENDARMES).

-- THE STRICTLY MILITARY ELEMENT OF MINURCAT II'S "SECURITY
PACKAGE" SHOULD BE LIMITED TO BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,000 TROOPS.
IF THIS MEANS THAT MINURCAT II'S MILITARY STRENGTH IS LIMITED
TO THREE (3) BATTALIONS AND DOING WITHOUT A DPKO-PROPOSED
FOURTH "MANEUVER" BATTALION, SO BE IT. EUFOR'S TOTAL STRENGTH
IN CHAD IS UNDER 3,200 TROOPS.

-- THE POLICE/GENDARME TRAINING ELEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO
MINURCAT'S LARGER, POLITICAL OBJECTIVES: FIRST, IT IS THE
ELEMENT THAT PREPARES THE CHAD SECURITY FORCE (THE INTEGRATED
SECURITY DETACHMENTS -- DIS) THAT ACTUALLY PROTECT THE
REFUGEEES IN THE CAMPS AND THE HUMANITARIAN WORKERS AT WORK
IN THE CAMPS. SECOND, IF SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL PROVIDE CHAD
WITH A REFORMED, IMPROVED, AND PROFESSIONALIZED SECURITY
FORCE LESS PVIOUS TO CORRUPTION, ABUSES, IMPUNITY, ETC.
THIS WOULD BE A REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

-- THE MANDATE OF MINURCAT II SHOULD PERMIT THE EXPANSION OF
THE DIS TO 1,700 OR MORE.

13. (SBU) WE NOTE THAT THE POLICE/GENDARME TRAINING ELEMENT
IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON THE TRUST FUND, RATHER THAN PKO
FUNDS. THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD INFORM USG THINKING ON THE
OVERALL RESOURCES NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINURCAT II.

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